



Begie View Elementary

School District No. 19 (Revelstoke)

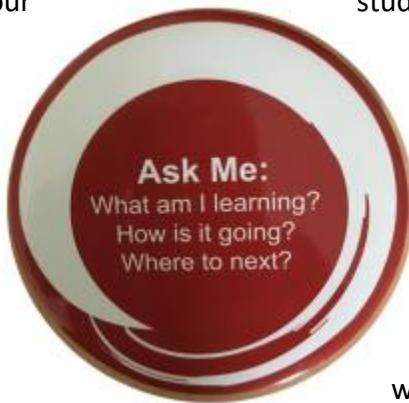
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WELCOME BACK

On behalf of all of us here at Begbie View Elementary we welcome our new and returning students to the 2017-2018 school year. We hope each of our families were able to spend valuable time together over the summer and created many life-long memories.

As we look forward to the upcoming year we will continue to focus on the well-being of each of our



students including focussing on self-regulation, empathy toward others, having a growth mindset, perseverance, and maintaining healthy habits. We will also continue our focus on exploring the new BC re-designed curriculum with its strong focus on Core Competencies. To help students understand their own learning, as well as to build their personal responsibility to their progress, we will be asking key questions regularly on what they are learning, how is it going and where they need to take their learning next. These are also a great basis for your daily home check-in on what happened at school each day.

WHAT'S COMING UP AT BVE



The Terry Fox Run has been scheduled for Friday September

29th. Departure from the school is planned for 8:45am after a brief assembly in the gym. Parents and siblings are welcome to join in the fun. To simplify our fundraising efforts we are encouraging all donations to be made on-line at terryfox.org. Each student can set up their own private fundraising page with parent assistance. Once you're signed up, you'll get a link to share with family and friends, or through your parents/guardian's email. Pledge forms are available if you prefer, check at the office or with your child's classroom teacher.

BVE Mission Statement

Begie View Elementary School is committed to fostering positive and supportive relationships among students, staff, parents and our school community. We believe in building a safe, caring and orderly school community where all of its members are respected and valued.

Our School Code of Conduct and Behaviour expectations.

School expectations have been established for everyone's protection, safety and well-being. Students at Begbie View are expected to maintain an attitude that is cooperative, courteous, and respectful. They will assume responsibility for their words and behaviours. The staff supports students in developing skills for problem solving, resolving conflicts, and decision-making that is appropriate to their age and development.

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The Cross Country Running Club is holding their practices on Mondays and Thursdays after school from 2:35 – 3:30. Interschool races will occur on Thursdays starting September 21st at AHE. Ms. Newton & Ms. Wiesner are teacher sponsors this year. It is open to intermediate student's grade 4-7's.

Picture Day is scheduled for October 18. All students will have their photo taken, purchase is not necessary. Retakes will be on November 15th.



Professional Development Day is Monday September 25th. Students will have no school that day.

Wear Orange on September 29th Orange Shirt Day is a legacy of the St. Joseph Mission residential school commemoration event held in Williams Lake, BC, Canada, in the spring of 2013. It grew out of Phyllis's account of having her shiny new orange shirt taken away on her first day of school at the Mission, and it has become an opportunity to keep the discussion on all aspects of residential schools happening annually. The date was chosen because it is the time of year in which children were taken from their homes to residential schools, and because it is an opportunity to set the stage for anti-racism and anti-bullying policies for the coming school year. Orange Shirt Day is also an opportunity for First Nations, local governments, schools and communities to come together in the spirit of reconciliation and hope for generations of children to come.

Me To We



Grade 6 and 7 students who are interested in being part of this year's Me To We group can pick up an application from Mr. Luxmoore, Mrs. Mair or Mrs. Wilson starting on Monday, September 11th. Applications will be due on Thursday, September 14th. Please talk to one of the sponsor teachers if you have any questions.

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The Library has been busy getting ready for the new school year, and classes will begin soon. In the meantime, AR (Accelerated Reader), is up and running. AR is a reading incentive program where students can earn points by doing a quiz for books that they have read. There is an AR points board in the hallway where they can track their progress. Check the schedule below for when you can pop into the library to do a quiz.



Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
Before School 8:10 – 8:30	x			
x	x	x	At Recess 10:10-10:30	x
After School 2:30 – 3:00	After School 2:30 – 3:00	After School 2:30 – 3:00	x	After School 2:30 – 3:00

Volunteers Needed!

ONE TO ONE
A Children's Literacy Program

Volunteers support children by using simple reading strategies aimed at increasing each child's self-confidence and improving his or her fluency and comprehension.

You can help once a week during the school day or sub in if a more flexible schedule is needed.

Volunteers Make a Difference!

Call 250-805-2305 or email revelstoke121@gmail.com for more information

twitter: @bvebest



Caribou Math

This monthly online math competition is available through Brock University and is for grades 4-7. Students who are interested in participating should speak with their classroom teacher or Mrs. Wilson. The first competition is Wednesday, October 18th at 8:30 in the library.

Calendar Correction: the calendar published in the student agenda incorrectly stated the September Professional Development Day as Sept 26th. The correct day is Monday September 25th. We apologize for this error. Please check our on-line calendar on the BVE website for up to date events.

Annual reminders: *Here's a few important information items we hope you take the time to review as well as a reminder of some of our expectations and programs.*

Breakfast Program

Our breakfast program is held every Tuesday and Thursday morning. Our amazing volunteers make this important program happen. Our goals are to promote a healthy meal at breakfast for all students as well as provide a safe environment for students to come and have a meal and socialize. We can always use more volunteers, a sign up is available on the PAC board in the main foyer of the school.



Lunch Period A supervised lunch is provided in students' classrooms from 11:50 to 12:05. Students are expected to remain in their classrooms during this time. For those students who require a little more time to finish their lunch, they have until 12:10 to complete their lunch and move outside. When preparing lunches, please do not send food items that require heating. **Healthy eating** is important for the healthy growth and development of children. When students eat well at school,

they learn better, feel better and have energy for their busy, active days. We encourage families to support their child's nutrition by sending non-packaged food items that include items from all food groups ie. fruits and vegetables, breads, dairy and meat and alternates. **Allergy Aware:** Although we do not restrict allergens within the school, we will inform parents if students in their child's class have allergies, and we ask students and families to be cautious with these items

Students who regularly remain at school for lunch are required to have a note from their parents on days where they will be making alternate plans. Please advise your child's teacher if they will be leaving the school on a regular basis to have their lunch at home.

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Home and school communication is a key to student success. If you have questions, comments, concerns, or a thank you, we appreciate your contact. The importance of effective, timely communication between the school and home cannot be stressed enough. Please call, email or drop into the school to provide us your feedback.

Regular newsletters will be sent home with students and are an important school to home source of information. Please take the time to review items which may discuss safety concerns or upcoming events with your children and note any other items which pertain to your family.

Ambulance Service Should the school need to call the ambulance for a student, the ambulance will be paid for by the School District for those families who do not have extended health coverage.



Medication for Students If your child requires medication while at school, or may need assistance or supervision in order to take medication, or who may require emergency medication for an allergic reaction please contact Mr. Hicks at the school to review.

Visiting the school Please report to the office when arriving at the school and we will assist you as necessary. Lunches can be left at the office and will be delivered to your child's classroom. Please ensure they are labeled with name and class. To maintain a safe and secure facility we ask that parents and family members do not visit classes unannounced during the school day.

Student Absences: If your child will be absent from school due to illness or appointment, please call the school. In the interest of safety, we will call if we do not hear from you. If your child is late to school or leaves during the day for an appointment, please use the sign in/out book on the office counter. When possible, please schedule appointments outside school time.

Begbie View Elementary encourages parents to support **punctual, daily attendance** by establishing home routines that maintain regular hours of sleep and a morning schedule that ensures students have the time necessary to be prepared and on time for school. Punctual and regular attendance is very important to students' success in their learning. Students who arrive late to school miss out on essential instruction at the beginning of the lesson and school day, and they also impact the learning of others by disrupting the rest of the class and the teacher. Please advise us of any barriers which may impede full attendance so we can support your family in ensuring they are addressed in an appropriate and timely manner.

Student arrival/departure We encourage students to walk or ride their bikes. If your schedule dictates that you need to drive your child to school, we ask that you please **park only in the designated areas**. Please keep moving through the round-a-bout until you find a parking stall.

The front of our school is a designated **Idle Free Zone** – please turn your vehicle off if stopping for any length of time. Thanks for keeping our young lungs safe.

When riding, please ensure your child is wearing an approved helmet when riding bikes to and from school. Students (and parents) are expected to walk their bikes across school grounds before, during and after school.



Student Verification Forms have been sent home. Please check these carefully and make adjustments to any incorrect information and return to the school by the date indicated. We appreciate your time on this.

BC School Fruit and Vegetable Program supported by the BC Agriculture in the Classroom Foundation. We are proud to participate in this free program, we expect our students will gain knowledge of the health benefits of local fruits and vegetables

Our students will be provided with the opportunity approximately once every two weeks to enjoy fresh fruits and vegetables snacks in their classrooms.

Please contact the school office if your child has any allergies to fruit or vegetables that we are not aware of.



No Child Without® is a charitable program that offers all elementary school aged children with **medical conditions or allergies**, free MedicAlert protection regardless of their financial resources.

Our vision is to help protect the estimated 300,000 children with medical conditions across Canada by offering No Child Without® to all 12,000 elementary schools over the next 5 years. Please drop into the school office for more information.

WORKING TOGETHER

PAC-Parent Advisory Council The first meeting of the year for our PAC is **Monday September 18th at 6:00 pm** in the BVE library. PAC meetings provide parents an opportunity to keep up to date on school events and initiatives. The PAC also



contributes to our positive school culture by coordinating and organizing many events for students and families throughout the school year as well as fundraising events that support school programs. We encourage all BVE families to be involved!

Community School Threat Assessment: Fair Notice

Our school community is committed to creating and sustaining school environments in which students, staff, parents and others feel safe. All reported threats and incidences of violence will be investigated.

The purpose of the threat assessment process is to use the best knowledge, skill and experience available to assess high-risk behaviours so that appropriate interventions can be identified to protect individuals from harm and ensure a climate of safety in schools and the community.

Any student whose behaviour or actions appear to pose a high risk to self-harm or who threatens harm to others will undergo the threat assessment process. This assessment will be extensive in scope and may include the involvement of community partners such as MCFD and the RCMP.

High-risk behaviours include, but are not limited to:

- Possession of weapons
- Bomb threats
- Any threats to kill or injure others or self (threats may be written, verbal, drawn, posted electronically, or made by gesture only and may be direct, indirect, conditional or veiled).

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Breakfast Program Support

Thank You

The BVE Breakfast Program would like to send a huge thank you to Downie Timber for their HUGE donation to our program. This donation came from the successful bidder of the Canada Day float garden shed who wishes to remain anonymous. The breakfast program appreciates the continued support we get from all our donors and supports.

Please contact Kendra von Bremen (kvonbremen@sd19.bc.ca) if you would like to support this positive initiative that helps contribute to student learning and success. The BVE breakfast program happens each Tuesday and Thursday morning from 8:00 am to 8:25am.



SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 19 (REVELSTOKE) SCHOOL CALENDAR – 2017/2018 (FINAL)

Month	Statutory Holidays	Closures	Non-Instructional Dates	Total Days in Session	Days of Instruction
July/August			School Planning Day Wednesday, August 30 th Professional Development Thursday, August 31 st	2	0
September	Labour Day Monday, September 4 th		Professional Development Monday, September 25 th	19	18
October	Thanksgiving Day Monday, October 9 th		Professional Development Friday, October 20 th	21	20
November	Remembrance Day Saturday, November 11 th	Monday November 13 th	Curriculum Implementation Day Friday, November 10 th	21	20
December	Christmas Monday, December 25 th Boxing Day Tuesday, December 26 th	Christmas Break December 23 rd – January 5 th		16	16
January	New Year's Day Monday, January 1 st			18	18
February	Family Day Monday, February 12 th		Professional Development Friday, February 23 rd	19	18
March	Good Friday, March 30 th	Spring Break March 19 th – 30 th		12	12
April	Easter Monday April 2 nd			20	20
May	Victoria Day Monday, May 21 st		Professional Development Friday, May 4 th	22	21
June			Administrative Day Friday, June 29 th	21	20
Total				191	183

School	Start Time	Recess / Break	Lunch	Afternoon Break	Dismissal	Early Dismissal dates for communicating student learning to be determined.
Arrow Heights Elementary	8:30	10:00 – 10:20	11:50 – 12:40		2:30	
Begbie View Elementary	8:30	10:10 – 10:30	11:50 – 12:40		2:30	
Columbia Park Elementary	8:30	10:00 – 10:20	11:50 – 12:40		2:30	
Revelstoke Secondary	8:45	10:05 – 10:15	11:35 – 12:25	1:45 – 1:55	3:10	

(as of March 3rd, 2017)